

Amendments to the Drawings:

Kindly replace the originally filed drawings with the attached Replacement Drawings. The Replacement Drawings avoid the use of text descriptions in Figures 5-7 as required in Section 2 of the Office Action.

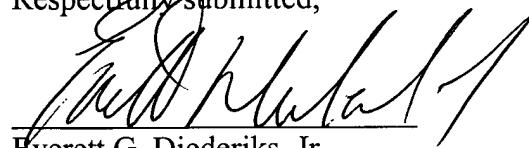
Attachment: Replacement Drawings (7 sheets)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that the claims would be allowable if amended to overcome the formalities outlined in the Quayle Office Action. By this amendment/response, new formal drawings are enclosed which avoid the use of text descriptions in Figures 5-7 as required in Section 2 of the Office Action. In order to address the objection set forth in Section 3 regarding the specification formalities, the specification has been thoroughly reviewed and amended to delete the improper use of capitalizations and italics where not appropriate. In addition, the cross reference to related application section has been deleted since it simply lists prior art patents that were presented in an Information Disclosure Statement and references to applications have been updated. With regard to the objections to the claims, the numerous capitalizations identified by the Examiner have been corrected and the claims now uniformly reference the word “microgranulometry” as a single word in conformance with the specification. Finally, the previously submitted abstract was too long and not concise such that a substitute abstract is provided herewith.

Based on the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicant has made an earnest attempt to clearly correct all of the formal objections raised by the Examiner such that, upon entry of this amendment/response, which does not introduce any new matter to the application, allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below in order to further prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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